I.C.P.O. Bulletin

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I.C.P.O. Bulletin (October 09-17, 2008)
"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
Listing is by calendar date (day/month/year)
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04/10/2008: Fernando, EA1BT will be active as YN2BT from the QTH of YN2N in Granada, Nicaragua, from October 4-12th with focus on 20 and 17 meters. QSL via EA1BT. [F5NQL]

09/10/2008: Miguel, CT1IUA will be active as 8Q71U (8Q Seven One U) from the Maldives (AS-013) between October 9th and 20th. He will spend his honeymoon on Kuredu Island and he plans to operate holiday style on 80-10 meter SSB and CW. QSL via home call. [425 DX News]

09/10/2008: Graham, G4JZF reports that a group of operators will once again be active from Lundy Island (EU-120) from October 9th to 16th. Main station will be GB4LI in the Old Light (ARLHS ENG-073, BARLS A5617X, WLH G-015, WLOTA 1997), as before, other portable stations will be active during the weekend. Around mid day October 11th they will activate the Lundy Island North lighthouse (ARLHS ENG-074, BARLS A5616, WLH G-014, WLOTA 1997). Rat Island Sunday 12th around 9:00am (BST) Pier Light after Rat Island about 11:00 am, both have to be at low tide. Around 1:00pm October 12th they will activate the Lundy Island Southeast lighthouse (ARLHS ENG-075, BARLS A5618, WLH G-016, WLOTA 1997). More information can be found at www.daverogersbass.spaces.live.com/ [G4JZF]

09/10/2008: Operators Markus/DJ7EO, Heye/DJ9RR, Chris/DL1MGB, Dietmar/DL3DXX, Tom/DL5LYM, Ben/DL6FBL, Dieter/DL8OH, Robert/SP5XVY and Joerg/DL8WPX plan to be QRV October 9-27th as VK9DWX from Willis Island (OC-007). QRV with four high power stations in CW/SSB/RTTY on 160m-6m. Antennas will be vertical antennas on all bands, with arrays from 80-10m. QSL via DJ2MX. Further information and updates can be found at: www.vk9dwx.de/ [DXNL]

10/10/2008: Wojtek, SQ4MP will be active as MJ/SQ4MP from Jersey (EU-013, WLOTA LH-0818) from October 10-13th. He will operate CW, SSB and RTTY on 160-10 meters, with an emphasis on 160, 17, 12 and 10 meters. QSL via SQ4MP, direct or bureau. His log will be uploaded to LoTW. [425 DX News]

10/10/2008: Jovica, E78A (aka 6W1SJ, ex. T98A, ST0RM, ST2A) will be QRV from Chad as TT8JT from October 10-18th. As Jovica travels to Chad for work, activity (mostly CW on 40, 30 and 20m) on the bands will be during his free time. QSL via E73Y: Boris Knezovic, P.O. Box 59, BA-71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, or via the bureau. [E73Y]

10/10/2008: Sei/JA7LU and Yohji/JH1AWN will be active as V73LU and V73WN from Majuro Island (OC-029), Marshall Islands, October 10-13th. They plan to operate SSB on 40-10 meters. QSL via home calls, direct or via the JARL bureau. [425 DX News]

11/10/2008: Paul, 2E1EUB, will be active as 2M1EUB from October 11-21st. Activity will be on all the satellites from northeast and northwest Scotland (EU-005, WLOTA LH-1234). Checkout QRZ.com under

2M1EUB for more info. Satellite activity QSL QRZ.com. [OPDX Bulletin]

11/10/2008: Philippe, F5MSB will be active October 11th as homecall/p fro the Castle and old Mill of Courrensan (DFCF 32-111 and DMF 32-031), located in the commune of Courrensan (CP 32330). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Radioamateur.org]

11/10/2008: Look for HB9HI to be active October 11th from the Castle Coppet (reference DCS-VD019, WW Loc. JN36CH), located near the Coppet Rail Station and Lac Leman [Lake Leman] (VD001 for the Swiss Lakes Award). QSL via QRZ.com. [HB9TZA]

11/10/2008: Look for operators RN1CR/P (Igor), RN1CX/P (Kostja), UA1CCO/P (Andrey), RA1AR/P (Oleg) and RK1AW/P (Mikhail) November 11-12th to activate the Ivangorod Fortress (reference RC-025, for the Russian Castles Award). QRV 20, 40 and 80 meters using SSB and CW. QSL via home calls, direct or by the bureau. [HB9TZA]

11/10/2008: The York Radio Club, W9PCS will be active from Lawrence Park Island (USi IL-038, Not IOTA) on October 11th. They will have 2 stations operating on 20 and 40 meters simultaneously. SSB and some PSK as time permits. QSL via QRZ.com. [USi]

12/10/2008: Andrew, G7COD will be operational for the fifth time from the Island of Embudu in the Kaafu Atoll, Maldive Islands (AS-013) using the call 8Q7AK from 0800 UTC October 12th to 0800 UTC October 25th. Using SSB and CW, he will be operational every day from approximately 0730 to 0830, 0900 to 1030, 1300 to 1500 and 1730 to 1745 UTC. Spot frequencies to be used are: SSB - 7.063, 14.147, 18.133, 21.253 and 24.953 MHz +/- 10KHz to allow for QRM; CW - 7.003, 10.103, 14.003, 18.073, 21.003 and 24.893 MHz +/- to allow for QRM. For comprehensive details of operating times, spot frequencies, QSL information etc., please check 8Q7AK on QRZ.com. All QSL's should be sent via the bureau or direct to G7COD. Please note: 8Q7AK is approved for DXCC credits. [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

12/10/2008: The Club Station HB9G will activate the 1st castle of the Canton Geneva on October 12th. The Reference will be DCS-GE016, Ch?teau de Laconnex; the operation is planned from 0800 UTC to 1100 UTC, or 1000-1300 local time; the band will be 40m, phone only. A QSO with this station will be valid for the DCS-SSD Swiss Castles Award (castles.ham-radio.ch/) and for the DCSR Diploma des Ch?teaux de la Suisse Romande (www.sfca-dcsr.ch/) and, of course, this will be also valid for the Canton GE of the H26 USKA Award (www.uska.ch/). [HB9TZA]

12/10/2008: The Radio Club de Binche, ON7RY will be active October 12th from the Castle Marie de Hongrie (BCA reference HT-051), province of Hainaut, Belgium. QRV on 7Mhz from 0700 - 1300 UTC. There will be a special QSL to commemorate this event. QSL via the bureau. [ON9CDR]

12/10/2008: Look for Toshi, JA8BMK to be active from Banaba Island (OC-018) as T33ZZ from October 12-23rd. QRV all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, BPSK31 and SSTV. Equipment: FT-897D and HL-1.2Kfx. Antenna/Vert, yagi and Inv V. QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

13/10/2008: Andre, ON7YK will once again be active as C56YK from Kerr Serign, The Gambia, between October 13th and November 9th. QRV on 80-10m, perhaps also 160m, using SSB and PSK31 with 100 Watts. Spiderbeam for 20/17/15/12/10m, dipole for 80/40/30m. Holiday style

operation. Further information at: www.on7yk.net/ [NG3K]

14/10/2008: Josef, HB9CIC/p will activate the Munot Castle (reference DCS-SH008), Schloss Munot, Schaffhausen, on October 14th and 15th for the Swiss Castles Award. Activity will be from 1600-1800 UTC, both days, on 7.080 MHz (+/- QRM) SSB using FT1000MP MkV, 200W, 2x37m dipole. QSL via home call. [HB9TZA]

14/10/2008: Anci, JA2ZL and his XYL will be coming to Funafuti Island, Tuvalu Islands (T2, OC-015) for family vacation between October 14-21st. Anci operates 80m - 12(10)m CW, SSB. RTTY and SSTV. He will use a small (500W) amplifier, loop antennas and vertical antennas. Call sign will be issued after entering the country. QSL direct to JA2ZL (Anci Yamada, 17-8-2 Takiro-cho, Tazimi, 507-0813 Japan) or JARL bureau. No e-QSL! [NG3K]

15/10/2008: Members of the Spanish DX 4 DX TEAM will be in The Gambia (C5) from October 15-23rd. Activity will be on the HF bands and 6 meters using SSB, CW and RTTY using the call sign C56EA. Team members include Paco/EA4BT, Ramon/EA4NA, Emilio/EA7AAW, Julio/EA7JB, Salvador/EA7SB and Jose/EA7LS. QSL via EA4BT either direct to EA4BT, Apartado Postal 1315, 28800 Alcal de Henares (Madrid), SPAIN or via the bureau. Further information at www.dx4dx.com/ [MMMonVHF]

15/10/2008: Adrian, AA5UK, will be active as EA6/AA5UK from Isla de Ibiza (IOTA EU-001, DIE E-023, MIA MB-003, WLOTA LH-0958, WW Loc. JM09TB), October 15-29th. Activity will be holiday style on 160-10 meters using mostly SSB, RTTY, PSK31, SSTV, JT65A and WSPR. Look for satellite activity on AO51. He will also be active during CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). QSL via his home call sign, by the bureau, LoTW or eQSL. [OPDX Bulletin]

16/10/2008: Bill, WB5ZAM plans to be active as J68WI from the island of St Lucia (NA-108, also count for WLOTA LH-1336) between October 16-30th. Bill says "no contesting but plan to be as active as the bands allow. HF 30-10m and 6m if open. No low bands". QSL via home call. [NG3K]

16/10/2008: Approximately 12 members of the Magnolia DX Association, Inc., will activate East Ship Island (IOTA NA-082, USi MS-009, Harrison County), Mississippi, and lighthouse (WLOL USA-756, WLOTA LH-1160, USCG 4-0337, WW Loc. EM50ME) during the period of October 16-19th. The call sign K5S will be used during the entire 4-day period, plus the call sign K5Z will be added during the last 2 days as an entry in the W/VE Islands QSO Party (October 18-19th). Activity will be on 80-10 meters, using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via W5UE direct, or bureau. Logs will also be uploaded to LoTW. Further information can be found at www.k5s-na082.com/ [K1XN]

16/10/2008: Kiyoshi/JA7RPC and Masahiro/JF7RKV will be active as T88RP and T88SB, respectively, from the rental shack on Koror Island, Palau Islands (OC-009) from October 16-20th. Look for them to be QRV 80-10m on CW and SSB. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

16/10/2008: Joe/W8GEX, Joe/AA4NN, Janet/W8CAA, Jay/K4ZLE and Jim/K0RH will be active as TO5DX from Saint Barthelemy Island (NA-146, DIFO FJ-001, WLOTA LH-0377) from October 16-28th, including a Multi-Single entry in the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th). They plan to have three stations, on all HF bands, SSB and CW. QSL via K4TZZ. [NG3K]

17/10/2008: David, GI4FUM (EI4DJ) will be operating from Hawane Resort, near Malolotja National Park, Swaziland, as 3DA0DJ from October 17-27th. He was a member of the IRTS DXpedition to Swaziland in March 2007; this year he will be with Daniel, ZS6JR and they will be using the same equipment and antennas that were used for the CQ WPX SSB operation last year (3DA0EI). David and Daniel will also operate as 3DA0SS (Swazi Scouts) for the annual Jamboree On The Air (October 18-19th). Activity will be on all HF bands SSB. [425 DX News]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

18/10/2008: The W4USI Club Station will be QRV October 18-19th from (still undecided) St. Simons Island (NA-058, USi GA-003S) and Lighthouse (ARLHS USA-805, WLH K-158, WLOTA LH-4115), State of Georgia or Amelia Island (NA-138, USi FL-032S, WLOTA LH-3048), State of Florida or Andrews Island (USi GA-020R, Not IOTA), State of Georgia. Further information should be available before the start date. QSL W4USI via the information on QRZ.com. [USi]

23/10/2008: Retu, XU7MDY will be QRV once again from Sihanoukville, Cambodia, between October 23rd and November 8th. CW activities are planned on following frequencies: 1822, 3502, 7006, 10104, 14007, 21007, 24897 and 28020 kHz. QRV on 6m also. QSLs only direct via OH4MDY. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Tom, W2SC will be QRV as 8P5A from the Warleigh Plantation contest station, Barbados (NA-021, WLOTA LH-0999) for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via NN1N. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Kuny/W1FPU and Hajime/AH0BR will be active from the Aquarius Beach Tower Contest Club, Saipan Island, Northern Mariana Island (OC-086) as AH0BT during the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via 7L1FPU, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Operators Dale/BA4TB, Mi/BG4TQX, Ni/BG4TDR, Zhou/BG4TYQ, Meng/BG4TTM and others will be active from Wuxi, China, as B4TB during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th), as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via BA4TB, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Operators BA7JC, BA7IN, BA7IA, BA7JA, BD7IXG, BD7MFB, BG7PMS and BD7JSQ will be active from Foshan city (WW Loc. OL63NA), China, for the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via BD7IXG, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: The Madeira Contest Team will be active as CQ9K from Funchal, Madeira Island (AF-014, DIP MA-001, WLOTA LH-0053) for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th), as a Multi-? entry. Team members include CT3BD, CT3DL, CT3DZ, CT3EE, CT3EN, CT3IA, CT3KU, CT3KY and CT3NT. QSL via the information at QRZ.com. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Ted, HI3TEJ will be active from the Dominican Republic (NA-096, WLOTA LH-2974) as HI3T during the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/Low-Power entry. Notes: Rig FT2000, FT950, 4L Steppir, 40 dipole, 80 and 160 vertical, EWE ON LOW BAND. QSL direct to ON4IQ. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Look for HQ2W to be active from Honduras in the CQWW DX SSB Contest on all bands as a Multi/Two entry. Operators mentioned are Dan/HR2DMR, Pete/HR2PAC and Tony/HR2DX. QSL information will be on QRZ.com. [K1XN]

25/10/2008: Operators JT1BV, JT1BS, JT1BZ, JT1CH, JT1DR, JT1CJ and JT1CZ will be active from Mongolia (Zone 23) as JU1DX during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th), as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via the information at QRZ.com. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Look for Joel, KG6DX to be active from Latte Heights, Guam (OC-026m USi GU-003S, WLOTA LH-0064) for the CQWW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL direct to KG6DX or via LoTW. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Philippe, LX2A will be active from Eschdorf, Luxembourg, as LX7I during the CQ WW DX SSB Contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. QSL via LX2A. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Operators Serge/RA9AA, Andrei/RZ9AR, Ilya/RZ9AW and Yuri/UA9APA will be active from Chelyabinsk, Asiatic Russia as RA9A during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th), as a Multi-Op/Single-TX entry. QSL via RK9AWN. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Look for Ray/KC5EA and Gordon/N5AU to be QRV from the VP2EC super-station, Shoal Bay, island of Anguilla (NA-022) during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th) as a Multi-2 entry. QRV all bands except 20m for the multiplier. QSL via N5AU. [NG3K]

25/10/2008: Look for Larry, XW1A to be QRV from Vientiane, Laos, for the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 25-26th), as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via E21EIC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

08/11/2008: Operators Kuny/W1FPU, Masashi/KH0TL and Hajime/AH0BR will be active as AH0BT from the Aquarius Beach Tower Contest Club, Saipan Island, Northern Mariana Islands (OC-086) for the Japan Intn'l DX Phone contest (November 8-9th) as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via 7L1FPU, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

08/11/2008: Operators W6LJ, K6Y (QSL via JA1OZK), JA1CGC, JF1TAB, JH1FUD, JL1LOW, JK1DRM and 7N1AZY will be active from Guam Island (OC-026, USi GU-003S, WLOTA LH-0064) between November 8th and 12th. They will use K6Y 1x1 call sign and also KH2/homecall. QRV HF bands including WARC using SSB, CW and digital modes. They will not participate in a contest. QSL via the bureau to each home call sign or direct to each call book address. [NG3K]

20/11/2008: Toshi, JA8BMK plans to be active from Kanton Island, Central Kiribati (OC-043) from approximately November 20-30th. QRV all bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, BPSK31 and SSTV. Equipment: FT-897D and HL-1.2Kfx. Antenna/Vert, yagi and Inv V. QSL via home call, direct only. [NG3K]

25/11/2008: The SK6M Contest Team will operate the 2008 CQWW CW Contest (November 29-30th) from the contest station "Sapo Loco", located in Nobol, Guayas, Ecuador, as a Multi/Multi entry. Operators mentioned are Al/HC2SL, Fredy/SM6FKF, Bjorn/SM6LJU, Mats/SM7BUA and Jan/SM7NDX. The team will be QRV November 25-30th and will use HC2/homecall with focus on low band CW, WARC and RTTY before the contest. QSL via home calls. QSL HD2M via SM6FKF. Further info can be found at www.sk6m.com/hc.html [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Operators JT1BV, JT1BS, JT1BZ, JT1CH, JT1DR, JT1CJ and JT1CZ will be active from Mongolia (Zone 23) as JU1DX during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via the info at QRZ.com. [NG3K]

29/11/2008: Look for Ilya/RZ9AW, Andrei/RZ9AR, Yuri/UA9APA and Serge/RA9AA to be active as RA9A from the club station located in Chelyabinsk, Asiatic Russia, during the CQWW DX CW Contest (November 29-30th), as a Multi-Single entry. QSL via RK9AWN. [NG3K]

28/03/2009: Larry, XW1A plans to be active from Vientiane, Laos, for the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (March 28-29, 2009), as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via E21EIC, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

19/06/2009: Dennis, K7BV will return to the island of San Andres (NA-033, WW Loc. EK92DM) June 19-July 5, 2009, as 5J0M concentrating on 6 meter Sporadic Es. HF bands will be activated as well. Equipment will consist of: Yaesu FT-950, Yaesu FT-450AT, ACOM - HF/6 KW, HF - Wire and Vertical, 6M - 7element hand rotateable. He will have a 6M Breakable Beacon 50.106.2 MHz - "CQ de 5J0M 5J0M". WSJT MS Random CQs 1st-50.260 MHz. WSJT EME 1st 50.198.5 MHz. QSL direct to W1JJ via QRZ.COM address. Include self-addressed envelope with return postage stamp/fee. Further information can be found at www.qth.com/k7bv/caribe2009/ [N8OFS]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

01/10/2008: The call sign ON50WAASLAND will be used by members of the UBA Section Waasland (WLD) through 2008 to celebrate the radio club's 50th anniversary. A QSO counts for 10 points for the WLD Award. Make two QSO's on two different bands or two different modes with ON50WAASLAND and you can apply for the WLD Award. Rules and information on our web www.wld.uba.be/. This beautiful multi-colored A4 format award contains all the armorial bearings of the different regional communities. QSL via ON6WL UBA Bureau. [ON4BB]

11/10/2008: To commemorate the 20th annversary of the Spanish magazine "Radio-Noticias", look for the special event station EH1RN to operate between October: 11-12th and 25-26th. A special award and QSL will be available. QSL to: Radio-Noticias, Apartado 368, 15780 Santiago de Compostela, Spain. For more information, visit: www.radionoticias.com/ [OPDX Bulletin]

13/10/2008: GB1CODY will be operating from the Aldershot Military Museum in Farnborough, Hampshire, England and is to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first powered flight in England on 16th October 1908 at Farnborough by Mr S.F. Cody, "an American citizen very well known for his daring exploits". GB1CODY will be operated on a daily basis from October 13th until 19th, 0900 to 1200 UTC on 7050 kHz and 1200 to 1600 UTC on 14250 kHz (with extended hours on October 16). Further information at www.fdrs.org.uk/ [UBA HF News]

16/10/2008: Special event station 8J5ICT will be aired October 16th through November 9th for the Regional ICT Futurity Fiesta 2008 in Tokushima (ICT: Information and Communications Technology). Look for activity on all bands/modes. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

U.S.A. Special event station information can be found at: www.arrl.org/contests/spev.html

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SIX METERS & UP -

09/10-27/10 VK9DWX: Willis Island OC-007 6M QSL DJ2MX (d/b)

11/10-22/10 CT3/DK2ZF: Madeira AF-014 EME trip - split operation only! QSL HC (d/b)

11/10-12/10 N3NBT/P: PAQP Sullivan County, PA 52.525MHz FM QSL HC (d)

11/10-12/10 W3OK/M: PAQP Bonus Station 6M IC7000 Blue Star squalo on roof 170W QSL HC (d)

14/10-24/10 C5(TBA): The Gambia 6M SSB/CW QSL EA4BT (d/b)

16/10-30/10 J68WI: St Lucia NA-108 6M Grid:FK93 100W QSL WB5ZAM (d/b)

17/10-19/10 W8V: Bridge Day 50.135USB TS-60,FT-847,FT-100 90-100W 4el QSL N8VGC (d)

GOT6??? - 6M Information by Andy, N8OFS (Updated October 08, 2008) at:
www.noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt
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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

09/10-16/10 GB4LI: Lundy Island (Old) BARLS A5617X, WLH G-015, WLOL ENG-073, WLOTA:1997 QSL QRZ.com

10/10-13/10 MJ/SQ4MP: Jersey Island (main) WLOTA:0818 QSL HC (d/b)

11/10-21/10 2M1EUB: Scotland - Main Island WLOTA:1234 QSL QRZ.com

11/10 GB4LI/P: Lundy Island North BARLS A5616, WLH G-014, WLOL ENG-074, WLOTA:1997 QSL GB4LI QRZ.com

12/10 GB4LI/P: Lundy Island South BARLS A5618, WLH G-016, WLOL ENG-075, WLOTA:1997 QSL GB4LI QRZ.com

15/10-29/10 EA6/AA5UK: Isla de Ibiza WLOTA:0958 QSL HC (b/LoTW/eQSL)

16/10-30/10 J68WI: St. Lucia Island WLOTA:1336 QSL WB5ZAM (d/b)

6/10-28/10 TO5DX: St. Barthelemy Island WLOTA:0377 QSL AA4NN (d/b)
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QSL INFO -

CN2IPA ONLINE LOG:
Gab, CN2IPA has a new website, including the CN2IPA online log:
http://ha3jb.p8.hu/
Any questions can be directed to Gab at ha3jb -at- email.hu [HA3JB]

QSLs received Bureau - LA9SN, LG5LG, LM5EHC/5, RA3OU, RK3AWK, SJ5WL, SM6WET, SV5/OO5S, TF3AO, TM7Z, UA4WKW, UR6IM, VE7IG/VE1, W6UR, YR7C, YU1AAV, YU1BX, Z35W and ZB2/4O3AL.

QSLs received Direct - 3D2AP/P, 3DA?JK (via WB6OJB), 3DA?VB (via UA4WHX), 5H3VMB (via UA4WHX), 5W?HH (via JM1LJS), 5X1VB (via UA4WHX), 5Z4/UA4WHX, 7Q7VB (via UA4WHX), 8P9/AC4LN, 8R1Z, 9G5MM (via DL5XX) 9Q/SM7RME, A43HI [AS-010] (via A41LZ), A43MI [AS-014] (via A41LZ), C91R, C91VB (via UA4WHX), CN8KD, DO/JI1JKW (via JI1JKW), EI7M, ES1WN, FW1W (via JM1LJS), FW1Z, HI8/AC4LN, HQ8R (via HR2RCH), J2?VB (via UA4WHX), KP2AD, PT?F (via W3HC), T2?9DX (via JA1KAJ), TF3CW (via LX1NO), V44KAI, VE8RCS/VY0 [NA-008] (via VE3SRS), VK9CJW, Z2/UA4WHX.

QSLs received LoTW - H4?MY.
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SILENT KEYS -

PY2NX - Antonio Diniz Da Silva, has been reported a Silent Key on October 5, 2008, at the age of 89.
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BITS & PIECES -

Press Release # 1----Desecheo KP5----2009
The Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge Complex has selected and announced a team of operators to activate Desecheo Island (KP5) sometime between January 15, 2009 and March 30, 2009. The Team will be co-led by Dr. Glenn Johnson, W?GJ and Bob Allphin, K4UEE.

Background: On June 30, 2008, the Caribbean National Wildlife Refuge office in Puerto Rico sent a letter to persons that had previously made inquiries about an Amateur Radio operation from Desecheo. They announced their decision to allow one group to activate the island and invited proposals that must adhere to strict guidelines and criteria. Applicant's had 45 days to prepare and submit their proposals.

CNWR received seven written proposals. A panel of three Fish and Wildlife Service employees, from areas within the Service outside of the Caribbean refuge, spent September 24 & 25 reviewing and evaluating the proposals. The selection criteria used were those outlined in the proposal invitation letter. Points were awarded for how well criteria were addressed for thoroughness and documentation.

The proposal with the highest ranking was submitted by team leaders Dr. Glenn Johnson, W?GJ, and Bob Allphin, K4UEE.

Their plan involves a team of fifteen operators for a 14-day operation. USFWS has not announced the actual dates of the operation yet, but the DXpedition is expected to take place between January 15, 2009 and March 30, 2009. A Special Use Permit (SUP) will be issued as per USFWS regulations. We expect that the DXpedition team and DXers worldwide will have a minimum of 30 days notice.

A website is being planned and will be announced in the near future.
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Ohio/Penn DX Special Bulletin No. 878.2
VU4, ANDAMAN & NICOBAR ISLANDS Andaman
VU7, LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS. OPDX received the following press releases from our friends at the NIAR in India.

Release #1
(Edited)

Dear Friends,
Greetings to the Ham world from India ! ! !

It gives me a great pleasure in informing you that VU4 and VU7 will be activated again this year as part of NIAR Silver Jubilee Celebrations in October 2008.

The necessary clearances have been obtained; the formal permission letter for VU4 and VU7 activity will be issued shortly. The callsigns will be VU4MY, VU4RG, VU7NRO & VU7SJ.

I would like to thank all the applicants who have supported us and joined hands to strengthen amateur radio activity in India. The VU4 and VU7 will be activated by teams of Foreign and Indian amateur radio operators. Names and other operational details will be given by the respective teams.

We profoundly thank the all the concerned government agencies like the Ministry of Defence, Home Affairs and External Affairs as well as the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology for their continuous support to amateur radio activity in the country.

It is the third time for three years in a row that the Government of India has extended its full support to foreign and Indian radio amateurs to operate their amateur radio stations from remote Islands of Andamans and Lakshadweep. The simultaneous amateur radio activity from these two Islands is a path breaking achievement for NIAR during the year of Silver Jubilee.

We wish all hams to join us to support our vision and mission to strengthen amateur radio promotion in India.

Look forward to meet you on the band.

Thanking you.
With Regards,
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VU4RG - DXpedition from the Andaman Island in October/November 2008

The Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Indian Radio Club (NIAR) at Hyderabad will be during 18-20 October, 2008. There is now the good news about the amateur radio activity after the event from the 24th of October to November 3, 2008. NIAR had informed us today about the successful licenses and operation permits for VU4 or VU7 activations.

There are two callsigns for the VU4-DXpedition:
VU4MY will be the call for the Indian Team.
VU4RG will be the call for the two German HAMs operating with two stations from Port Blair/South Andaman Island (IOTA: AS-001; WLOTA: LH-0562; ITU: 49; WAZ: 26).

The two German operators are:
Helmut, DL5DSM (VU3NLG)
Norbert, DJ7JC (VU3NLF)

Equipment:
DL5DSM: FT857 + KL500 or FL7000
DJ7JC: Elecraft K3 + FL7000

Antennas:
160/80m G5RV
40m Phased Array (2GP's)
30m GP
20-10m 5-Band-Spiderbeam
15m-GP von DX-Wire

Modes:
All modes: CW, SSB, BPSK, RTTY

Allowed Bands:
160M 1820-1860 kHz
80M 3500-3700, 3890-3900 kHz
40M 7000-7100 kHz
30M 10100-10150 kHz
20M 14000-14350 kHz
17M 18.068-18168 kHz
15M 21000-21450 kHz
12M 24890-24990 kHz
10M 28000-29700 kHz

Pay attention to the specific permission for 30m!
We'll publish our working frequencies on QRZ.com under VU4RG

CQWW SSB Contest:
We'll take part at this Contest from the October 25-26th, as VU4RG.

Operating from GOA:
DL5DSM with the Indian call sign VU3NLG and DJ7JC with the Indian call sign VU3NLF will be on the air from GOA between the 6th up to the 14th of November.

Further informations:
QRZ.com:
VU4RG
QSL-MANAGER FOR VU4RG:
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How to help: Sponsoring is welcome via Paypal to
norbert.meyeratversanet-online.de after the DXpedition

VK9DWX Dxpedition
News #9 - 03.10.2008
News from down under
Here the latest news from Cairns:

Today we got the really good news: Our ocean freight arrived in Brisbane and has been cleared by quarantine and customs in Brisbane. Now it is on another truck again and on its way to Cairns, where we will await it by Sunday evening. We expect it to be delivered directly to the harbour, where the MV Floreat is situated. So we keep our fingers crossed, that everything runs in time and we will not experience any further setbacks.

We finished more or less all additional purchases and stored them in the DXpedition's mini-warehouse.

Today the fourth man of the crew arrived in Cairns. We all went to the airport and welcomed Robert, SP5XVY, who now joins us in our preparations. We also made a walk to the Marina, introduced Robert to skipper Marcus and visited the MV Floreat, who is just about to be prepared for her trip to Willis Island. Several drums for fuel were already placed on the deck and the ship is ready to take our cargo

either on Sunday or on Monday.

Good news is also that the rough weather calms down. It stopped raining and the heavy winds dropped considerably. The skipper expects much better weather in the next few days, so we might have a good chance for a relatively comfortable boat ride to Willis Island.

We expect the rest of the crew at Monday noon (local time) to arrive in Cairns to complete the VK9DWX DXpedition team then.

We are also going to set up a radio on the MV Floreat during our short trip and become QRV on 20m as "op callsign"/MM.

Picture gallery
Find new pictures added to our picture gallery
http://www.vk9dwx.de/pictures/index.php). [F5NQL]

If you like to have fun with us during the Strange Radio Event, please take note of the following rules:

1- Date: from 06.00 GMT of 17 October to 22.00 GMT of 19 October 2008.

2- To obtain the Strange Radio Event Certificate you need contacts with 5 different S.R.T. Special Calls.

3- Mode: SSB only.

4- Plates to: 1st European OM; 1st station Outside Europe, 1st S.R.T. Special Call and 1st SWL.
Prizes will be given during the 6th International DX Convention, Salerno 2009, or shipped later.

5- You will be informed about the S.R.T. special callsigns through the normal channels magazines and WEB.

6- Logs: to achieve the Strange Radio Event Certificate, logs have to be sent within November 30, 2008. The cost is 10 Euros or 15 $ that have to be sent to the Event Manager:
IZ7DOK Marco De Carlo, Via degli Orefici 6, 73100 Lecce, Italy.

7- All further info will be included in http://www.strangeradioteam.com , the Official web site of the Strange Radio Team. If you need any additional info send an email to: iz7dok@strangeradioteam.com

For this event:

Hi, dear Friends,

For the next Strange Radio Event, 17..19 October 2008, I will be on the air with the special callsign II2SRT/6 from JN62WM; it is a country house on a good position high on a hill, but sorrily I will not have beams .. I will rely on a 18AVT from HiGain and hope to be able to erect a 160 - 80m dipole too. The station will be equipped with my old one: IC746 IC2KL and AT500, plus an IC7000.

It will be a single operator operation, I'll be there from 16th October to 20th October. As you know the SRE will be held only in Phone mode. Being a special Call Station, I'll be allowed to operate all bands, so I'll do 160 to 6m if propagation allows me. I wish we will have a good propagation, good weather and no qrm, and more, no storms.

I hope to meet you on the air, and wish you all the best DX on this
Event.

73 de Augusto
I2JJR / HB9TZA
SRT # 49 , II2SRT op.

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